



# THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF IVANHOE

*St Bernadette's Church, 89 Bond St, Ivanhoe West  
Mary Immaculate Church, 4 Waverley Ave, Ivanhoe  
Mother of God Church, 56 Wilfred Rd, Ivanhoe East*

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## Masses:

**Weekend: Saturday:** 6.30pm St Bernadette's **Sunday:** 9am Mary Immaculate; 10.30am Mother of God  
**Weekday:** 9.15am **Tuesday:** Mother of God **Wednesday:** Mary Immaculate **Friday:** St Bernadette's

**No. 8**

**21 - 22 February 2015**

## 1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT: YEAR B

### THE WORD

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

- V. 1. Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths.  
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour. **R.**
- V. 2. Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old.  
In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord. **R.**
- V. 3. The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray,  
He guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor. **R.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:** Lord, may we follow your paths: Lord, hear our prayer

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

### PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY:

We remember Margaret Beriman, Peter Fleming, Ingrid Weinberg, Robbie Gordon, Maria Colavizza, Mike McGuire, Sarah O'Shaughnessy, Margaret O'Brien, Tran thi Kim Chi, Sung Bui, Amy Nguyen, John Coonan and Gino Villani who are in need of prayer at this time. We remember those who provide care and support for those in need.

We remember Mary Kerlin who died recently. We also remember John Duffy, Greg Rankin, Ellen Cullen and Anne and Thomas Talbot whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.



**Baptism:** We welcome Kitt Izard who is baptised into the faith community of the Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe this weekend. We welcome her family, relatives and friends who have come to share this special occasion, one of many steps in the lifelong journey of faith.

### This Week's Readings: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent - Year B

Genesis 9:8-15 Psalm 24:4-9 1 Peter 3:18-22 Mark 1:12-55

### Saint and Feast Days:

Mon 23 February: St Polycarp  
Wed 25 February: St Ethelbert of Kent  
Fri 27 February: St Gabriel  
Tues 24 February: St Lucius  
Thurs 26 February: St Alexander  
Sat 28 February: St Oswald

### Next Week's Readings: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent - Year B

Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18 Psalm 115:10, 15-19 Romans 8:31-34 Mark 9:2-10

INCLUSIVENESS

HOSPITALITY

SERVICE

MISSION

### **Desert**

Synoptic Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke told us that in order to prepare for his public ministry, Jesus, led by the Spirit, went into the desert or wilderness for forty days and forty nights during which time he fasted and was put to the test by Satan. While Matthew and Luke recounted the details of the tests, Mark did not tell us what tests that Jesus endured, but he did tell us that Jesus was with the wild animals and that the angels looked after him.

Desert is a rich Lenten image where we are called to encounter God, standing before God with no false veneer or pretence. For many of us there can be the desert of illness, caring for our loved ones who are sick, anxiety, fear, conflict and doubt, uncertainty, indifference, guilt or sinfulness...

The desert, by taking away the securities and protections of ordinary life, exposes us to vulnerability, dependency. It strips us bare and leaves us naked, both before God and the devil. The desert brings us face-to-face with our own demons which prompt us to be more open to God.

### **Discipleship**

Who is a Christian disciple? Answer: One who responds to Christ's call, follows Jesus, and shapes his or her life in the footsteps of Christ. Each phrase of this answer is essential for our life as disciple of Jesus Christ. First, Jesus invites every person to build a relationship with him – believe in the Good News. Second, Jesus calls each of us from different walks of life to follow him. Third, Christian discipleship calls us to shape our live in the footsteps of Christ. I have found Isaiah's invitation from the Official Prayer of the Church helpful in reflecting on Lenten discipleship:

Wash yourselves, make yourselves clean. Take your wrong-doing out of my sight. Cease to do evil. Learn to do good, search for justice, help the oppressed, be just to the orphan, plead for the widow. **Come now, let us talk this over, says the Lord.** Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.  
*(Is 1:16-18 Saturday Morning Prayer of Week 1-4 during Lent)*

### **Discipline**

All the runners at the stadium are trying to win, but only one of them gets the prize. You must run in the same way, meaning to win. **All the fighters at the games go into strict training;** they do this just to win a wreath that will wither away, but we do it for a wreath that will never wither. *(1 Cor 9:24-25 Sunday Evening Prayer of Week 1-4 during Lent)*

Joining with our brothers and sisters in other Christian denominations in Ivanhoe, we will observe the Lenten disciplines of prayer, fasting and works of love.

**Prayer:** It is a good time to develop or strengthen our prayer life: the Eucharist, daily prayers, the sacraments especially the Reconciliation, reflecting on the Word of God, Stations of the Cross, reciting the Rosary, meditation. You might consider attending one of three Lenten McKinney Lectures. Details are in the Newsletter and website.

**Fasting:** The Church calls her members age 18 to 59 to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, unless a physical condition prevents otherwise. This means only one full meal is allowed. The Fridays of Lent are days of required abstinence, meaning meat, and soups or gravies made of meat, are not allowed. Abstinence is meant to include those from 14 years of age and older. Some give up things like sweets, coffee, etc. By giving these up, we learn to control a particular part of our lives, which leads to greater discipline even when Lent is over. Remember, we have relatively easy dietary laws compared to Jewish, Islamic or Buddhist Traditions.

**The works of mercy, almsgivings:** Lent is a good time to help the needy and doing of works of mercy. Contribution to Project Compassion is a major means of expressing almsgivings in Australia. Helping others for instance, special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, grieving, lonely or over-burdened are highly encouraged especially in Ivanhoe.

As we enter 2015 Lenten journey to the celebration of the Lord's passion and resurrection at Easter, I pray that we will walk in the journey of conversion and renewal so that in peace of heart we can make our contribution to the life of our world.

**Prayers of the Sick:** *Please note that names will remain on the sick list for a month.*

*To extend the time, please make personal contact with the Parish Office 9499 1515.*

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## HAPPENINGS ACROSS THE PARISH

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| Saturday 21 Feb  | 10.00am  | <b>Reconciliation</b>                  | Mary Immaculate Church |
| Sunday 22 Feb    | 10.30am  | Mass & Mother of God P.S. Prep-2       | Mother of God Church   |
| Tuesday 24 Feb   | 4.15pm   | Christian Meditation                   | Mary Immaculate Hall   |
| Wednesday 25 Feb | 8.00pm   | Pastoral Leadership Team Meeting       | Parish Office          |
| Thursday 26 Feb  | 9am-12pm | St Bernadette's School Open Day        | St Bernadette's School |
| Friday 27 Feb    | 9.15am   | Mass & St Bernadette's P.S. Grades 3&4 | St Bernadette's Church |
| Saturday 28 Feb  | 10.00am  | <b>Reconciliation</b>                  | St Bernadette's Church |

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**New Seminarians 2015:** The Archdiocese of Melbourne welcomes 17 new seminarians who are in their First Year Class at Corpus Christi College, regional seminary for Victoria & Tasmania - twelve of whom are from Melbourne. We pray for these men and all seminarians who have responded to the call of vocation as priest.

**Mother of God School Family Mass Prep - 2 – Sunday 22 February:**

We welcome the children and their families from Prep, Grades 1 & 2 at Mother of God School who have come to the 10.30am Mass at Mother of God Church.

**Stations of the Cross during Lent at St Bernadette's Church:**

As part of the Lenten journey, Stations of the Cross will take place after the 9.15am Mass at St Bernadette's on Friday **mornings** during Lent, but **not on** the First Friday of the month. All parishioners are invited.

This decision has been made as a result of consideration of and discussion with those who prepare for and attend these services, as well as those travelling to and from the church. – **Fr Thang**

**Project Compassion** is an important part of our Lenten journey! Caritas raises our awareness of the needs of others in many parts of our world. Take a box or a set of envelopes to give much needed financial support to others in need. Join in the prayer each week as we read stories of real people who have needs as well as hope.

- Project Compassion boxes & Lenten share packs are available in each church to take home for your use.
- A large Project Compassion box is in each church for contributions if you wish to use this option.
- Project Compassion contributions need to be returned no later than Easter Sunday 5 April 2015.

**Christian Meditation:** Tuesdays at 4.15 at Mary Immaculate Hall in Waverley Ave, Ivanhoe.

New members are always welcome. Enquiries: Kathy Gillespie 9497 1706 or 0438 530 324.

**The Ryder Cheshire Morning Coffees** for 2015 are getting off to a great start! The first speaker, Vita Catalano will talk about '**Beyond Blue**'. Do come and hear her at 10am on Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> February at 10 Donaldson St. and support the Ryder Cheshire and its role of being a 'home away from home' when people must be in Melbourne for medical treatment.

**Lenten Richard McKinney Ecumenical Lectures 2015:**

Church on the Attack: Retrieving three Biblical Texts for a Culture of Disbelief - Rev Dr Bruce Barber.

All lectures begin at 8pm. Fellowship and supper after each presentation at 9.10pm. Donation: Gold coin.

- Tuesday 10 March: *Creation (i.e. reception of the world) not Cosmogony (origin of the universe) Gen 1*  
E Ivanhoe Uniting Church, cnr Maltravers & Lower Heidelberg Rds, Ivanhoe E
- Tuesday 17 March: *The Presence of an Absence, not the Absence of a Presence Exod 25:1-22; Jn 20:11-18*  
St George's Anglican Church, 46 Warncliffe Rd, Ivanhoe East
- Tuesday 24 March: *The Redefinition of God: Two case studies from Paul and in the Gospel of John*  
Mother of God Church, 56 Wilfred Road, Ivanhoe East

**World Day of Prayer – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March:**

This annual opportunity to pray with people all over the world, which we share with the other Christian churches of Ivanhoe, will be held at Mary Immaculate Church at 10.00am on Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> March. The prayer this year has been prepared by the people of the Bahamas.

**An invitation:**

Several years ago our friends at the Uniting Church invited us to their **Bible study** to discuss Baptism. Three of us accepted that invitation and stayed through other studies until now when we reflect on the Sunday readings which we mostly share. Inevitably, our numbers have fallen but we hope to continue. Maybe this appeals to you!! It's not highbrow 'theology' but a chance to share what the readings mean for our lives. **Next meeting:** Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> March, 10.30am at the Ivanhoe Uniting Church, just come - and bring your bible!! Or contact Merle. 9497 1691, merlegilbo@hotmail.net.au

**Church Carpet at St Bernadette's – For your information:**

As you may have noticed, the carpet in the church is old and developing folds, which have now become a tripping hazard. We have investigated having it stretched but it is too old to take the strain. Therefore in the coming weeks we will be arranging for the carpet in the sanctuary to be lifted and we will return to the polished boards for the time being. Thanks, Finance and Maintenance Committees

**Volunteers Needed for Children's Reading Club in West Heidelberg:** The St Vincent de Paul Society provides an after school Reading Club, based at St Pius X School, Heidelberg West from 3:30- 4:30pm each Tuesday of the school term. We are looking for volunteers to support the children with their reading.

Grades 1 - 6 children who attend will be encouraged to enjoy books and develop a love of reading, in the process of improving English and Social Skills. This is not intended as a remedial reading or tutoring program, but rather we are encouraging a child's natural love of stories. We are looking for men and women who enjoy reading and spending time with children who can give a couple of hours a week. If interested please contact the Reading Club Coordinator, Lina Troiano 0425 741 977 or lina.troiano@hotmail.com

**Free E-Book for Computer or E-Reader: Son of God: The Daily Gospel Year B-1:**

This e-book which may be downloaded free of charge to a computer or e-reader, offers the Gospel for every day of the Liturgical Year B-1 (Sundays Year B, weekdays Year 1), together with a reflection of some 750 words on each daily Gospel. It contains Gospel passages not only for this present year but for any B-1 Liturgical Year in the future, together with their respective reflections. It may be passed on to friends or acquaintances as desired. It carries the Imprimatur of Archbishop Anthony Fisher, Archbishop of Sydney. Son of God: The Daily Gospel Year B1 may be accessed at: [www.catholic-thoughts.info/ebook/](http://www.catholic-thoughts.info/ebook/)

**Sacraments 2015:**

The Sacramental Brochure for enrolment in Parish sacramental programs – Confirmation, Reconciliation or First Eucharist 2015 is available in each church and on the website. Enrolments are only accepted from families **who live within the parish which includes Ivanhoe, Ivanhoe East, Ivanhoe West and Eaglemont.**

**Please note:** Only children **who do not attend** Parish primary schools or **who have transferred out** of Catholic Primary schools need to enrol in the Parish Program. *Previous enrolment at one of the three Ivanhoe Parish schools whilst living outside the parish does not guarantee enrolment in the sacramental program. It is recommended that sacramental preparation takes place in the parish where the catechist & family lives.*

Enrolment forms are available from Parish Office 9499 1515 and website: [www.ivanhoecatholics.com](http://www.ivanhoecatholics.com)

**N.B. Closing date is Friday 27 March 2015 - It is not always possible to accept late enrolments.**

**Newsletter notices, items, prayers and anniversaries** need to be given to the Parish Office **no later than 5.00pm, Wednesday each week.** Notices received later than Wednesday will be placed in the newsletter of the following week. Notices, items, anniversaries can be sent to the Parish Office by email or left in the locked letterbox near the front door of the Parish Office, 4 Waverley Ave, Ivanhoe.

Contact details: Phone 9499 1515, Fax 9499 9959; or Email: [catholicparishofivanhoe@bigpond.com](mailto:catholicparishofivanhoe@bigpond.com)

**ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND: 29 February – 1 March 2015**

**ST. BERNADETTE'S:**

Saturday 6.30pm

**Lector**

Sister Frances

**Special Ministers**

A. Pellizzari, Sister Carmel

**MARY IMMACULATE:** Leader

Sunday 9.00am

M. Sibillin

**Reader**

C. Nguyen

**Mass Coordinators**

M. Gilbo

**Counters**

P. & H. Nguyen

**MOTHER OF GOD:**

Sunday 10.30am

**Sacristan**

A. Patterson

**Lector**

A. Tosolini

**Special Ministers**

A. Moloney, G. Crawford, A. Patterson

**Altar Society:**

A. Moloney

**Choir Coordinator:** P. Verocchi

**First Collection – Thanksgiving:**

Envelopes: \$1,339.50 Loose cash: \$444.45

**Total: \$1,783.95**

**Second Collection – Presbytery:**

**Total: \$ 982.25**

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